

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Gisburn Parish Council held on
Thursday 18 February 2010 at 7.30 pm
In the Festival Hall, Gisburn**

Present: Cllrs Falshaw (Chair), Corlett, Kirby, Ryde, Tyrer, Borough Cllr Sherras, Clerk and Mr Giles Bridge (Gisburn Playing Fields Association)

Apologies: None

Minutes of the Meeting of 21 January 2010

The Minutes of the meeting of 21 January 2010 were accepted as a true record of proceedings at that meeting and duly signed.

Police Report

CSO Susan Hartley attended the meeting and provided an update on police calls received for the previous month. It was noted that

Clerk's Report (Verbal)

The Clerk advised that RVBC had quoted the sum of £43.62 + VAT per calendar month to cut the smaller areas of grass in the village which equated to an annualised sum of £523.44 + VAT.

The Clerk advised that the appropriate planning officer at RVBC had visited The Cash Cow and had confirmed that the existing extension would not have received planning permission and had explained the procedure which would now be followed.

It was confirmed that the brown road signs opposite the Stirk House Hotel had been erected with the consent of Lancs CC.

It was explained that complaints about advertising signs had to relate to specific signs and be received from individuals before they would be actioned by RVBC.

The Clerk advised that nothing further had been heard from the Bolton-by-Bowland lengthsman and that she had sent details of the position to an interested party in Gisburn but again nothing further had been heard. A former tree surgeon from Whalley, known to Dave Hewitt of RVBC, had expressed an interest and it was agreed he should be contacted again and further details of the post explained to him.

Financial Statement

Deposit Account	£2,182.14
Current Account	£1,571.39
Skipton BS Account	£11,555.95

Accounts for Approval

Mr Brian Kearsley (Lengthsman) £110.00

It was noted that this was the last cheque for the lengthsman following his resignation.

Gisburn Playing Fields Association

Mr Giles Bridge presented the latest available accounts for the Association and explained that £2.5K was still owed for the land and further monies were due to Richard Armer. It was explained that the Association wished to purchase more equipment for the top of the field, especially equipment more suitable for teenagers. Mr Bridge advised that outgoings were £2K of which the vast majority related to grass cutting and insurance and that the Association wished to request that the Parish Council make a contribution towards the grass cutting for the current year and subsequent years.

The Parish Council agreed that the Association should take steps towards reducing the cost of the grass cutting and suggested alternative quotes for the cutting be obtained and the possibility of planting wild flowers instead of grass in some areas be explored. It was also suggested that a request for volunteers to help with strimming on a rota basis be promoted. Mr Bridge agreed to follow up these suggestions.

The Parish Council agreed that it would like to make a contribution towards the grass cutting of the play area but that, due to having to also fund the lengthsman, the amount to be contributed needed to be affordable without having to raise the precept. It was explained to Mr Bridge that the precept for 2010/11 had already been set as details were required by RVBC before Christmas of each year. It was agreed that £400.00 be contributed for the current financial year with the same amount as a contribution for 2010/11.

Parish Maps

Giles Bridge explained that it may be possible to apply for funding for notice boards for the Festival Hall Car Park to display the Parish Maps via RVBC's Healthy Valley Initiative. Mr Bridge offered to complete the appropriate application for funding. It was noted that such notice boards may require planning permission. It was cautioned that promoting walks in the parish may lead to the car park becoming extensively used at weekends which could reduce parking for the childrens' play area.

Correspondence/Items for information

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from RVBC advising of an application to divert a footpath around Dudland Hollins. No objections were noted.

Any Other Business

It was confirmed that the Post Office had closed following the sale of the building but it was believed that such closure was only temporary. It was agreed that the status of the closure needed to be ascertained as if it were permanent alternatives needed to be investigated. Colin Corlett agreed to speak to the new owner in the first instance and it was suggested a letter also be sent to the owner enquiring of his intentions regarding the post office.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18 March 2010 at 7.30 pm